

# CLINCH VALLEY NEWS.

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## MERRY CHRISTMAS

Another year is fast drawing to a close with its sunlight and shadows—its withered leaves and fragrant flowers.

Joyous time. Happy hearts. Cheerful homes made brighter by the glorious anticipations of expected pleasures.

Kind hearts, loving remembrances, tender recollections of "Home, Sweet Home." It's Christmas time. Let every heart be merry.

### Accept Our Merry Christmas

as a personal one from friend to friend, and our earnest and heartfelt thanks for the liberal patronage extended to us during the past year.

We certainly feel that we have every reason to wish all our friends

**A Very Merry Christmas.**

**Harrison & Gillespie Bros**  
The Big Store

### NEGRO KILLED BY UNKNOWN MAN

Beverly Barnes, Colored, was Shot and Killed at North Tazewell Last Saturday Morning.

Beverly Barnes, a well-known colored man, lying near North Tazewell, was shot and instantly killed last Saturday morning, on the yard at North Tazewell, about 6 o'clock.

His body was found by his daughter and several other parties coming up soon afterwards. The ball passed near the heart, severing a main artery, and lodged in his spine.

A Jury, consisting of H. G. Peery, Coroner, Geo. P. Hall, N. W. Kinser, John W. McCall, J. S. Whitley, H. G. Peery, Jr., and K. D. R. Harman, investigated the killing, but failed to throw any light on the mystery. Their verdict was that Barnes came to his death by a gun shot wound in the hands of an unknown party. Something like twenty witnesses were examined, several of whom were on the yard at the time and heard the shot, but saw no one, and could throw no light whatever on the question of the murder.

From the dead man's wife, who lives with a large family of children, in her own house, near the station,

and other people, black and white, in the community, it was learned that Barnes left his house about 5 o'clock Saturday morning to go to the station after coal, taking a sack with him. His wife frankly admitted that it had been his custom for a long time, to go to the station early in the morning to get coal, which he usually got from passing coal trains. Several of his children were in the habit of following later to help carry the coal home. Others said, and it is a notorious fact, that nearly every body in the vicinity, were in the habit of getting coal from the station, as well as Barnes, but it so happened on this particular morning that Barnes was the only one of the usual crowd that generally visited the coal yard about day light in the morning, and hence there were no witnesses to the shooting.

The coal cars have been watched the first part of the night for some time, it seems, and were so watched on Friday night until about ten o'clock. Some one must have been watching on Saturday morning, they say, but who it was, and whether or not he killed Barnes, no one knows. A number of North Tazewell people heard the shot, one man saw the flash of the pistol, another witness testified to seeing a tall man, clad in a heavy overcoat, pass near the body of the dead man, but none of these witnesses gave the slightest

clue to the man who fired the shot. Every man in the community was accounted for as being some where else at the time of the shooting than near the dead man. The shooting is shrouded in mystery. There were four loaded cars of coal on the side track at the time, belonging to different parties. Barnes had about 25 pounds of coal in his sack when shot. Even this coal could not be positively identified by the dealers as belonging to any one of these four cars. The mystery is still unexplained.

One result of this tragedy, bad as it is, will be, it is hoped, to stop the raids made on coal cars and bins at North Tazewell.

The testimony given at the Coroner's inquest, will be filed in Court, and the grand jury may take the matter up, it is said, in February, and investigate further.

Barnes had the respect of his acquaintances both black and white. He was considered a good negro. He owned a small grocery store and barber shop combined, and was prosperous, a prominent member of the Methodist church, a member of the colored Masonic Lodge, and looked up to by members of his race.

His death, under the circumstances, has produced a shock.

Solid gold rings, all sizes and prices at Pobst's.

### Burke's Garden News.

Burke's Garden, Va., Dec. 21.—Winter seems to be here in full force now.

Mr. James Ritter and wife and baby who have been living in North Dakota until recently, were visiting friends in Burke's Garden part of last week and went to Bland yesterday.

Rev. John Smith, of Wolf Creek, filled Dr. Price's appointment at Central church yesterday. Owing to the continued illness of Dr. Price's wife he will not move here until warmer weather.

Mr. J. Newton Rhudy, who returned about two weeks ago from an extended western trip, is now visiting his brother, Geo. E. Rhudy, at Rural Retreat, Va.

Mr. Geo. E. Mahood is expected home from Bramwell the last of this week.

Miss Bessie Rhudy, one of the B. G. A. pupils, is expected to spend Xmas with homefolks in Thompson Valley.

Miss Rettle Bolling stopped her school at Rhudy School House last Friday because of the small attendance.

Mr. Geo. W. Rhudy went to Tazewell Saturday on business.

There will be a Christmas tree and suitable Xmas exercises at Central church next Saturday morning at eleven o'clock. Everybody is invited.

Fresh lot of fruits just in at Pobst.

### HOT TIME AT CEDAR BLUFF

Scrap in Magistrates Court—Fell From a Bridge 47 Feet High.

Cedar Bluff, Va., Dec. 22.—There was quite a warm time in Squire Gillespie's Court here last Monday. David Atwell was before the magistrate on Monday for being disorderly on Sunday, and for carrying concealed weapons. He was assessed the usual fee in such cases. During the trial, Mr. T. W. Wingo, the Mayor, presented a bill against Atwell for another fine assessed against him on a former occasion, which seemed to anger him very much. He struck the Mayor, and quite a rumpus ensued. Atwell was fined an additional sum for assault, which added, made about \$50, including costs, which was promptly arranged by Mr. Atwell.

Last Monday seems to have been an unlucky day in this usually unsensational town. A man named Tinsley, working with the bridge force of the American Steele Company, putting in an iron bridge near the depot, fell backwards from the bridge, a distance of 47 feet, into about six inches of water. Besides a considerable shake-up, a few bruises, he did not seem to be injured. Dr. Baylor, his physician, thinks he will come around all right.

The holiday season promises to be a quiet one in our town.

### Car Promised Tomorrow

It was expected the electric car would be started yesterday, for certain. The long looked-for belt came on Wednesday, and the engine was fired up and steam applied, and then the diabolical happened. A piece of packing, whatever that is, blew out of the boiler or some where else, and the packing had to be repacked. The diabolical is all right now, and the car is looked for tomorrow if nothing diabolical happens. Messrs Long & Mitchell are working and everything will be humming very soon.

### Notice to Our Customers.

We desire to make settlement with all our customers on the first of each year, and from those who cannot pay their accounts we will want an interest bearing note from January 1.

We are thankful for the liberal patronage extended us during the past year, and will do our best to give you such prices that will enable you to buy from us the coming year. We also desire to add, if any of our customers who have not had fair and honest treatment during the past year, will come and make their complaints known, we will gladly adjust same.

Tazewell Supply Co.

### Santa Claus at Christian Church.

Santa Claus will make his annual visit to the Sunday school of the Baptist and Christian church next Monday evening. All the members of the Baptist and Christian churches are expected to be present. All children not connected with any Sunday School in town, are cordially invited to be present. A good time is expected.

Buy a nice guitar for your best girl. You can find them at Pobst's.

## SPECIAL SALE

Each Monday in the month of December we will give to all customers using our Trading Cards for each dollar's worth of goods purchased from us we will give you credit for two dollars, except on sugar, coffee and flour. A chance of a lifetime to decorate your home free.

**J. H. WHITLEY & SON**  
North Tazewell, Va.  
Phone No. 42.

### Attractive Show Windows.

The show windows of our large stores present an attractive appearance. Comparisons are odious, but special mention should be made of several when more than ordinary pains were taken to decorate and beautify. Prettier windows than Spotts Bros. were never seen here. This display of fruits, confections and clean, nice groceries presents a scene of beauty. We understand that the credit of this nice work is due chiefly to Mrs. Robinson, sister of Mrs. E. V. Spotts. The window has attracted wide attention, much favorable comment. According to opinions expressed by a large number of our people who are good judges, the decorations in Spotts Bros. windows have never been duplicated in this town and it will be difficult to surpass them in the future.

Buston & Sons, as usual, have their large windows tastefully and prettily decorated with evergreens, fruits, confections, etc., presenting a pleasing and substantial appearance.

The most unique display is the "Old Woman in the Shoe," in the window of the large dry goods store of R. C. Chapman. No display has attracted more attention from the passing crowds on our streets this week.

Harrison & Gillespie Bros. have a very attractive picture in their window of a miniature prison and two men represented as prisoners. The inscription "All We Ask is a Fair Trial," not only catches the eye but also as a taking advertisement.

Peery & St. Clair's large hardware store windows present a substantial, as well as attractive appearance. Mr. Peery has taken some pains to beautify his naturally attractive window.

Moss & Greover, Jackson, Boyer, Pobst, and in fact nearly all our merchants have put Christmas touch on their display fronts. No one, either, will be disappointed by inspecting the inside of these nice stores.

### Brilliant Wedding and Other News From Wardell.

Wardell, Va., Dec. 21.—The Correll-Steele wedding was a most beautiful and pleasant affair. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. Addington at about 5:15 p. m. in the presence of a number of friends of the contracting parties, after which a sumptuous supper was served. On Thursday morning the bridal party left for Mr. Correll's home in Thompson Valley, where they received the congratulations of their many friends, and where they expect to make their future home.

Messrs. Luther Copenhaver and Joe White, of the Cove, were in this section Sunday.

Rev. J. W. Hypes, of Roanoke, has just closed a series of meetings at Midway.

### That Fraudulent Marriage License

AN EXPLANATION.

We have had a talk with Commonwealth Attorney Bowen in regard to the rather serious charge brought against certain parties in our paper last week, in the procuring of a fraudulent marriage license for the daughter of David Shuffelbarger, in the neighborhood of Falls Mills. Mr. Bowen tells us that warrants of arrest were issued by W. R. Havens, J. P., for parties who procured the license, and that the matter was thoroughly investigated by him upon the trial. It developed upon the trial that Mr. Shuffelbarger's daughter forged the name of her father and mother to certificate upon which the marriage license was issued by the Clerk, Mr. T. E. George, and that said certificate was presented to the Clerk by one Mr. Belcher, who had no knowledge of the forgery. Upon proof of these facts, Mr. Shuffelbarger made friends with the young couple and requested that the criminal proceedings be dismissed, which was done by the Justice, he knowing all of the parties and all the circumstances connected with the affair.

He further tells us that he will communicate with Mr. Shuffelbarger, and give him the opportunity of appearing before the grand jury at the February term of court, at which time he can have all the evidence reviewed, and if sufficient, indictments will be found.

Mr. Bowen heartily agrees with all good citizens, that such violations of the law as this should be vigorously prosecuted, and declares his intention to do so when such cases come to his notice.

### Durno-Hermann.

The show given by Durno, the magician, and Hermann, the musician, in the High School hall last Friday evening was a decided success every way.

The large crowd present enjoyed the entertainment throughout. Durno and this is his real name, was born and reared on a farm in Illinois, where he lived and worked until he was twenty-one years of age. He has been very successful in his work as a magician, as he was also as a dairyman and grocer before taking up this profession. His parents now live in Chicago. Prof. Hermann has been before the public for some years as a musician. He is not only a fine performer, but also a composer, having written quite a lot of music of a high order. Mr. Hermann, and Mr. Baker, the bright, young assistant of Mr. Durno, paid this office a very pleasant visit on Saturday morning before leaving town.

A nice line of diamond lockets just received at Pobst's.

## Table Specialties for the Holidays

PILGRIM and OLD HOMESTEAD Canned goods are not packed from ordinary fruit, depending for sale upon their attractive labels, but they are the very finest selection of California fruits, all put up where grown and each variety grown in the locality where soil and climate favor the growth, thereby causing the fruit to attain a flavor that is unequalled. Our prices are within reach of every one:

Pilgrim Peaches, 40c a can.  
Pilgrim Pears, 40c a can.  
Pilgrim Apricots, 40c a can.

Pilgrim Strawberries, 25c a can.  
Pilgrim Pine-Apple (Sliced or grated) 30c a can.  
Pilgrim Peas, 17c a can.

Pilgrim Lima beans, 20c a can.  
Old Homestead Peaches, 30c a can.  
Old Homestead Apricots, 25c a can.

Old Homestead Pears, 30c a can.  
Old Homestead Blue Berries, 15c a can.  
Old Homestead Asparagus tips, Large cans 30c

The way to buy Olives is by the pint; quart and half-gallon and keg. They cost less and the quality is better. They are large, finely flavored, well colored, solid fruit, 30c a pint, 60c a quart, \$1.00 for half-gallon. You will use no other kind if you try these once. Wishing you all a merry Christmas, we are, yours to please,

**BUSTON & SONS.**